

Idaho Master Naturalist Volunteer Opportunity Description



Name of Volunteer Opportunity: Wildlife Habitat Hike on Island Park's BLM lands

Agency/Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Dates/seasons: August 11th, 2016

Time Commitment: 9:00am - finished by 1:00pm

Description:

Hike Description: "We will learn about key wildlife habitat in places like Shotgun Valley and around Henry's Lake, exploring Island Park's lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Join us as we prepare for the travel planning process that will address routes and roads in these areas this summer. Pack a snack, bear spray, and water."

Participants: Ideally 10-15

Volunteer Description: I am looking for a volunteer who can work with me to identify some routes on BLM lands around Island Park that may be adversely affecting wildlife. These may be user-created routes that go through sensitive areas such as riparian habitat, or routes that may affect seasonal migrations. Once we select some areas to visit, this field trip would ideally involve a hike (or several short hikes) during which you would provide some insight into the wildlife that may be seen in the area, and the wildlife habitat that makes it a special place. I would rely on your expertise regarding the content, though I would be happy to visit the areas with you beforehand. I will speak a bit about the upcoming travel planning process and encourage attendees to tell the BLM about these unique places and why or why not certain routes should exist. We hope to help attendees feel a sense of ownership of these BLM lands in Island Park as they learn about the wildlife in the area.

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Additional training provided? None other than a briefing to understand the BLM's travel management planning process.